

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 6233

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI PINT CB

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF FANK COMMANDER IN CHIEF

1. THE PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE KHMER ARMED FORCES BY DECREE 356-73 DATED JUNE 13. GENERAL FERNANDEZ WILL CONCURRENTLY CONTINUE AS FANK CHIEF OF STAFF.

2. WE HAVE AS YET BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THIS DECREE BUT WHEN DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE WILL REPORT FURTHER WHETHER IT MAKES REFERENCE TO MARSHAL LON NOL AS SUPREME COMMANDER OF FANK, A POINT OF DISPUTE WHICH REPORTEDLY HELD UP APPROVAL OF THE DECREE BY THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL.  
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\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a

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